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By his Excellency
Thomas Chittenden, Esquire,
Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief,
in and over the State of Vermont,
A PROCLAMATION.

It being under the supreme guidance and protection of Almighty GOD, that Nations and States derive and maintain their Existence, and the beneficial Ends of their being entirely depending on the merciful Will of the same supreme Ruler of the Universe; and Divine Providence in this Way affording an opportunity to Individuals, in social and solemn Compact with each other, to invoke the Divine Displays, to participate in common Good, and to feel the Need of the continued gracious Interpositions of Heaven, an undoubted occasion of Deity arises, that, as such, they meetedly offer up Testimonials of their grateful Sense of such Dependance, penitently confess their Sins, and implore the Divine Smile; I have therefore, thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint Wednesday the Twenty sixth Day of April next, to be observed as a Day of Public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer to Almighty God, throughout this State; and I earnestly recommend it to all Ministers of the Gospel, and Congregations of the People of every Denomination, to meet together on said day, and duly observe the same. that we may meetedly lift up our Hearts and Voices to GOD in the Heavens, by Prayer and Supplication — acknowledge the supreme Right of God's Universal Government over us — humble ourselves under a just sense of our manifold Sins and Guilt, as a People — implore the Forgiveness thereof, and a continuance of Divine Mercy — particularly, that GOD would be graciously pleased

to extend the Influence and Interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom — avert the Spiritual Calamity of Impenitency and unbelief — renew our Hearts by his Grace, and awaken us to Righteousness and true Holiness, as a People. by the Return of the influences of his Holy and Blessed Spirit and that he would graciously remember, and have Mercy on those who openly — oppose the Redeemer, and his benevolent interest in the World — that he would graciously grant his Divine Smiles, and Protection to all Books among us — cause Peace and Unanimity to prevail — direct our Councils — grant Spirit of Wisdom and Faithfulness to our Legislature — govern our Administrations of Justice, and mercifully guide and influence in important Convention of the People of this State, whose Deliberations are expected the present Year, upon the Propriety of the proposed Alteration of our Constitution; and cause that Civil Government may be happily directed and succeeded among us to promote the General Good, the only beneficial and important End of its Institution. that he would graciously please to perpetuate to the States of America and to the World, the blessings of Peace — succeed and direct the important, laudable Interests of the Nations — save the world from deserved, divine Judgments and hasten the accomplishment of those events which are to precede the Redeemer's universal and glorious Reign among Men. That he will smile upon, and bless us in all our important interests in this State — prevent all unhappy ~~animosities~~ animosities and contentions both Public and Private — dispose to universal Justice and Benevolence — succeed the common means of Education, and such pious Attempts as may be made for establishing Seminaries of Learning — bless a preached Gospel — qualify and ~~send~~ send forth faithful Ministers of Jesus Christ, for the supply of our many destitute Congregations, and cause that a just respect for the Settlement of a faithful Ministry might obtain: and that he would graciously succeed and prosper our Infant Settlements — bless the Labours of our Hands, and bring forward the Springing of this Year in Mercy — that he would cause the earth to yield her due Increase — grant us suitable Seed-Time and plentiful Harvests — preserve the Land from Pestilence, Famine and Dearth — that this Year may be crowned with the Divine Goodness — our Hearts filled with unfeigned Penitence, and Gratitude, and the World be replete with Displays of the Divine Beneficence and Glory

All needful Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day

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Given under my Hand at Burlington this thirty first Day
of March, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred
and Eighty six, and in the Tenth Year of our Independence

By his Excellency's Command
Thomas Tolman Secretary

Thomas Chittenden

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE